

TOWN OF GARNER
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources
Advisory Meeting Minutes
Date: February 24, 2020

Date and Time: Pursuant to the Bylaws governing the Garner Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, a meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on February 24, 2020 at 6pm.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm. The committee members present were: Bob Deaton- Chair, Ernestine Durham-Vice Chair, Cassondra Liles, Hope Webber, Althea Boone, Byron Wade, Tina Johnson- Senior Advisory Committee Liaison, Demian Dellinger- Council Liaison. Committee Members absent were Chris O'Connor. Staff members present were Sonya Shaw- Director, Rob Smith- Assistant Director, Lorie Clark,- Cultural Arts and Events Manager, and Sara Shaw- Recreation Program Specialist.
2. Approval of the February Agenda:
 - a. Ms. Durham made the motion to approve the agenda and Ms. Boone seconded the motion.
 - b. The Agenda was unanimously approved by the committee.
3. Approval of the January Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Ms. Durham made the motion to approve the Minutes and Ms. Boone seconded the motion.
 - b. The Minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.
4. Petitions and Comments from the Public:
 - a. Ms. Durham asked if there was anything being added to the new drainage pond at GPAC. Mr. Dellinger noted that there was still working pending on that project.
5. Committee Members Concerns/Comments: none
6. Senior Advisory Committee:
 - a. Tina Johnson reported on GSC programing. The Senior Center has a new newsletter available to participants. Also, the Senior Center has sold over 150 fitness passes since the beginning of the year.
7. Reports/Discussion Items:
 - a. Welcome to Lorie Clark, New Cultural Arts and Events Manager
 - i. Dr. Shaw welcomed Lorie Clark to the department and the committee introduced themselves.
 - b. Comprehensive Plan
 - i. Dr. Shaw reported that the consultants are finalizing the Greenway/trails plan with the Planning Department and the final plan should soon be available.
 - c. Meadowbrook and Yeargan Master Plans
 - i. Dr. Shaw reported that the consultants are in the process of creating public opinion surveys on both properties and hope to be complete by June.
 - d. Recreation Center
 - i. Dr. Shaw stated that the furniture had been delivered and assembled at the new facility. There is still paving work that needs to be completed on Montague Street and drainage ponds that need to be addressed.
 - ii. Ms. Liles asked if there was a possibility of a splash pad on the site, and Dr. Shaw noted that it had been looked into, but was not in the immediate plan.
 - e. Department Accreditation

- i. Mr. Smith noted that the department was up for reaccreditation this year. Katie Lockhart submitted all the department's evidence, and we have been approved for a site visit. The department will host a site visit March 31-April
 - ii. Mr. Smith also noted that there will likely be a meet and greet with the committee during the visit.
- f. Committee Retreat Potential Dates
 - i. Dr. Shaw asked committee members for potential dates for a committee retreat. After a brief discussion the committee decided on May 16 from 9am-12pm.
- g. Director's Report/Department Updates
 - i. Mr. Smith passed out copies of the department's 2019 Annual Report. He highlighted a few the department's accomplishments including over \$500,000 in revenue, and national recognition from the BioBlitz award, Zion Williamson visiting Avery Street Recreation Center, and winning the Parks and Rec 2 Step Challenge.
- h. Announcements
 - i. Mr. Dellinger noted that they had done interviews and had filled the vacancies for the PRCR Advisory Committee and the Senior Advisory Committee.
- i. Adjournment
 - i. Ms. Boone motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Durham seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.